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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE RE IAN SMITH STATEMENT ON ONE
MAN, ONE VOTE

1. FOLLOWING IS FULLY CLEARED PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED
FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN NOVEMBER 25. WILL SEND
TRANSCRIPT OF WHAT WAS ACTUALLY SAID IF IT DIFFERS
SIGNIFICANTLY, AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2. Q: WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT ON IAN SMITH'S STATEMENT
ABOUT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA?

A: MR. SMITH'S ACCEPTANCE OF ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE IS A STEP
IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. HOWEVER, HIS ACCEPTANCE APPEARS
TO BE A CONDITIONAL ONE, AND WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE
LOGIC OF THE SITUATION REQUIRES THAT CERTAIN KEY PRINCIPLES
ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND
LASTING SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. THESE INCLUDE A RETURN
TO LEGALITY WITH A TRANSITION PERIOD FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CARRYING OUT, ON THE BASIS OF AN AGREED CONSTITUTION, FREE
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AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN WHICH ALL PARTIES ARE ABLE TO PARTIC-
IPATE. WE BELIEVE THIS REQUIRES CONDITIONS OF PEACE, OVER-
SEEN BY AN INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE SUCH AS THE UN. WE
INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE KIND OF

AGREEMENT THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED BY ALL ZIMBABWEANS AND THE
WORLD AT LARGE. VANCE

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